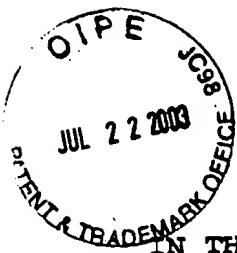


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We, Hiromi IKADAI, Ikuo IGARASHI, Naoyoshi SUZUKI, Hideyuki NAGASAWA, Kozo FUJISAKI and Takeshi MIKAMI, understand that claims 4-6 and 11 of the present application have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Ikadi et al. 1998 Accession No.: ABO 17700 or Abstract of 126th conference on Japanese Society of Veterinary Science.

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Accordingly, with respect to the Abstract of 126th conference on Japanese Society of Veterinary Science, the additional authors are non-inventors (Xuan X. and Avarzed A.) similarly, with respect to Accession No.: ABO 17700, the additional authors are non-inventors (Xuan Z., Tanaka T., Abgaandorjiin A., Inoue N. and Toyoda Y.).

In conclusion, neither of the cited Ikadi et al. references (1998 Accession No.: ABO 17700 or Abstract of 126th conference on Japanese Society of Veterinary Science) are "by another". The information and invention disclosed therein represents the invention of the presently named inventors. All of the other authors are non-inventors.

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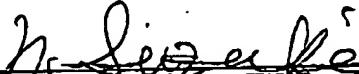
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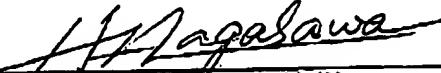
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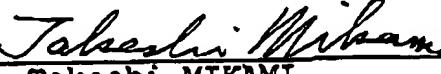
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